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For: METHOD FOR PACKAGING A POTTED PLANT (As Corrected)

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1. [X] Preliminary Statements
2. [X] FORM PTO-1449 (Modified)
3. [X] Identification of Prior Application In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted Or Need to Be Submitted
4. [X] Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement
5. [X] Identification of Person(s) Making this Information Disclosure Statement

Section 1. Preliminary Statements

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Section 2. Form PTO-1449 (Modified)

☒ [X] A completed Form 1449 (Modified) is attached hereto.

Section 3. Identification of Prior Application In Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies Are Submitted Or Need Be Submitted

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application serial no. 10/378,768, filed on March 4, 2003. The listed references were submitted to and/or cited by the Office in this prior application. Therefore, copies are not submitted herewith.

Section 4. Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement

Legible copies of all items listed in Form PTO-1449 (Modified) accompany this supplemental information disclosure statement.

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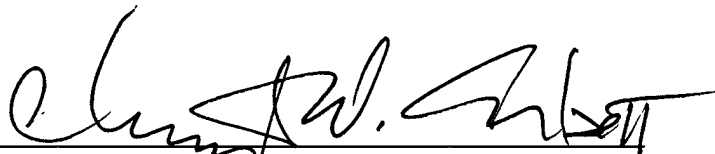
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	AD		9	5	0	7	8	5	03/01/1910	Pene			
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	AF	1	6	1	0	6	5	2	12/14/1926	Bouchard			
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	AH	1	9	6	4	6	8	9	06/1934	Quillen et al.	53	449x	
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	AJ	2	3	0	2	2	5	9	11/17/1942	Rothfuss	41	10	
	AK	2	5	2	9	0	6	0	11/07/1950	Trillich	117	68.5	
	AL	2	6	2	1	1	4	2	12/09/1952	Wetherell	154	117	
	AM	2	6	4	8	4	8	7	08/11/1953	Linda	229	55	
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	BJ	3	9	7	7	5	2	4	08/1976	Boots	209	82x	
	BK	4	0	4	3	0	7	7	08/23/1977	Stonehocker	47	66	
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	B2	4	7	6	5	4	6	4	08/23/1988	Ristvedt	206	0.82	
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	CC	4	8	3	5	8	3	4	06/06/1989	Weder	29	525	
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	CE	4	9	0	1	4	2	3	02/1990	Weder	29	432	
	CF	4	9	8	0	2	0	9	12/25/1990	Hill	428	34.1	
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	CX	5	3	3	5	4	7	6	08/1994	Weder	53	399	
	CY	5	4	2	6	9	1	4	06/1995	Weder et al.	53	399	
	CZ	5	4	5	0	7	0	7	09/1995	Weder et al.	53	399	
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	DH	"Costa Keeps the Christmas Spirit", Supermarket Floral, Sept. 15, 1992.											
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